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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002, please find enclosed
herewith a Reissue Declaration signed by named inventor, Peter J. Schmitt.

The Declaration enclosed herein is in full compliance with the requirements under 37
C.F.R. §1.175(a)(1) in that it states the reasons why the Applicant believes the patent is
wholly or partially inoperative or invalid, and identifies at least one error which is relied
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The claims are now believed to be in condition for examination and passage to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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